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What I'm about to tell you is...

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No, that's not quite right. Putting it more accurately...

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When an adult dies, they must be broken down until nothing is left.

A child's body must not be defined until they become an adult.

</rule>



If the body isn't stable, WatchMe isn't able to protect it from illness.

Why?  
Because WatchMe constantly looks for homeostasis.



Therefore, having WatchMe inserted into their body is proof of their adulthood after The Maelstrom.

But since a child's body is hyperactive and fast-paced, homeostasis is impossible.

And T, a female high-school student, was totally against becoming an adult.



That marked my separation from Mihie Miach, and the beginning of what would cause our eventual reunion.

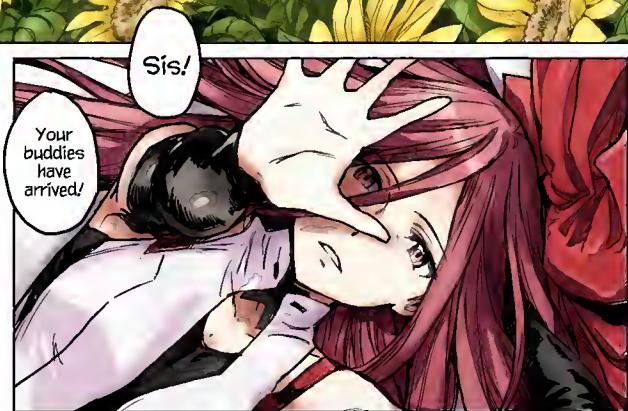


In the beginning, it was red and white. A bloodstained Caprese salad.



I was in  
the lush  
yellow  
Sahara.

**Niger - Sahara Desert  
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we were probably seen as an uncivilized people in need of enlightenment

by the truce supervision council, the *Helix Assembly*.

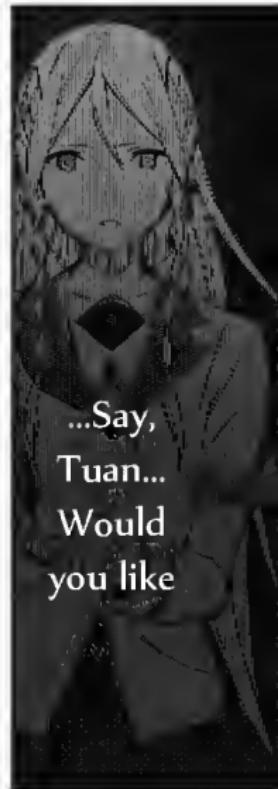


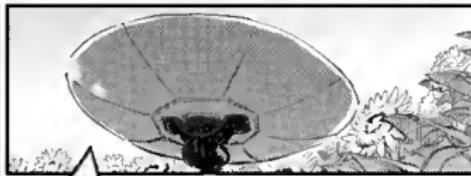


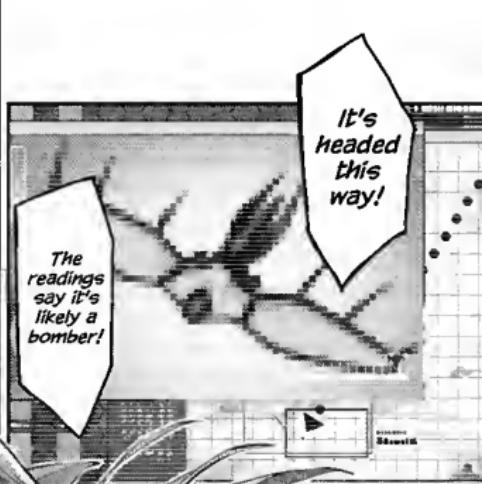


The novel might call it "Admedicstration Society".









Not to be confused with Nigerian.

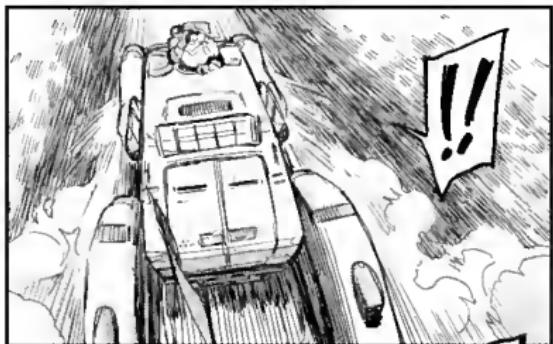
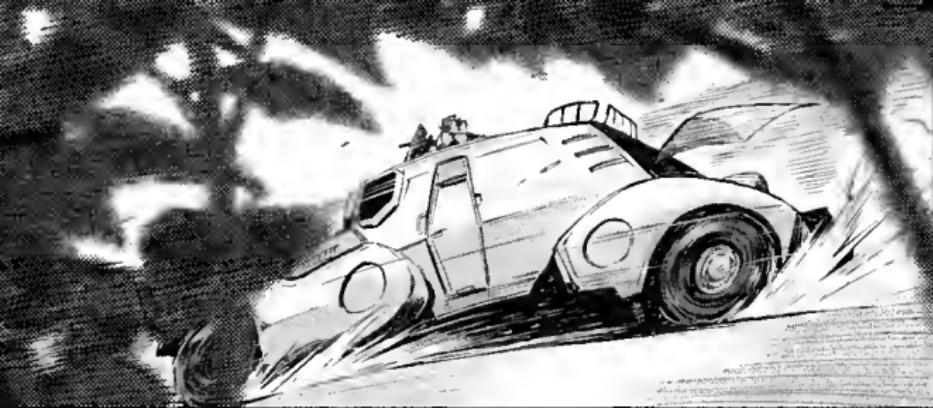


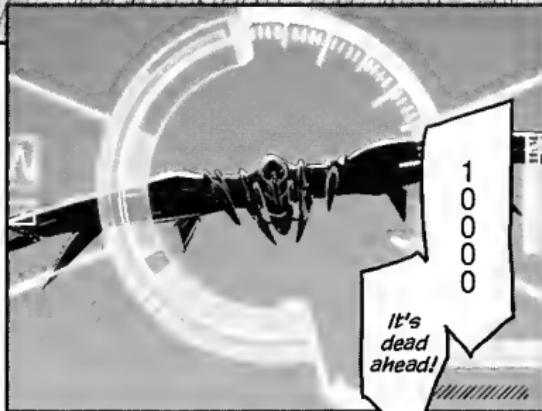




ISS stands for the International Space Station.









Take the wheel!

What are you gonna do-



Standalone means "autonomous," and an ECM is an electronic countermeasure.





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Sis!!









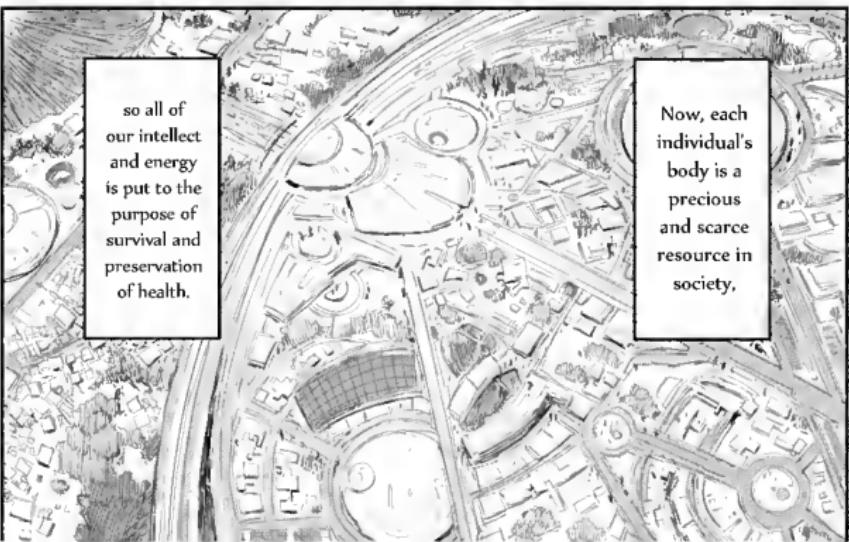
Rebellion, terrorism, genocide, war, and nuclear holocaust.

It was international mayhem that sprouted from a great rebellion in the West.



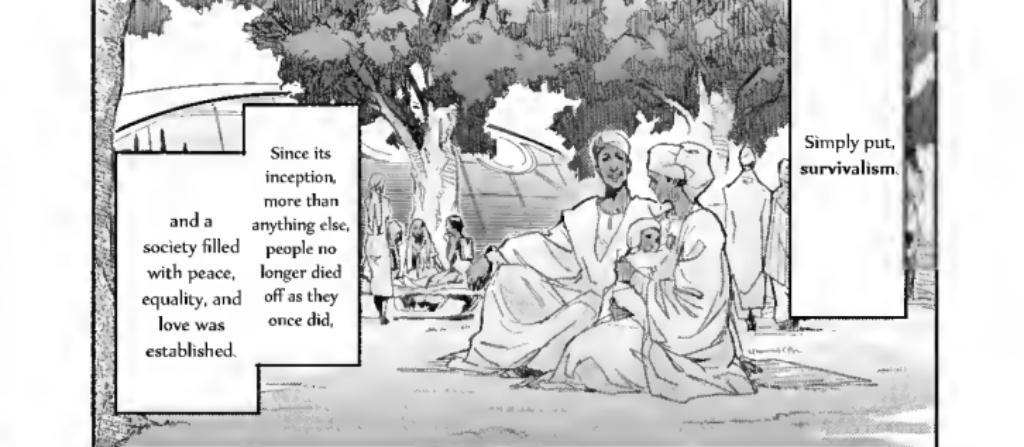
people installed medical nanobots into their bodies and connected themselves to a health maintenance server.

In order to survive this period of radioactive contamination and infectious diseases,



so all of our intellect and energy is put to the purpose of survival and preservation of health.

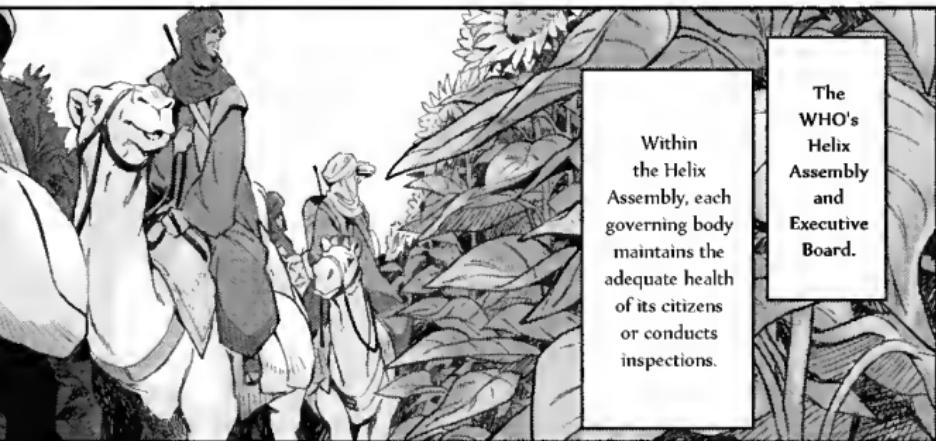
Now, each individual's body is a precious and scarce resource in society.



and a society filled with peace, equality, and love was established.

Since its inception, more than anything else, people no longer died off as they once did,

Simply put, **survivalism**.



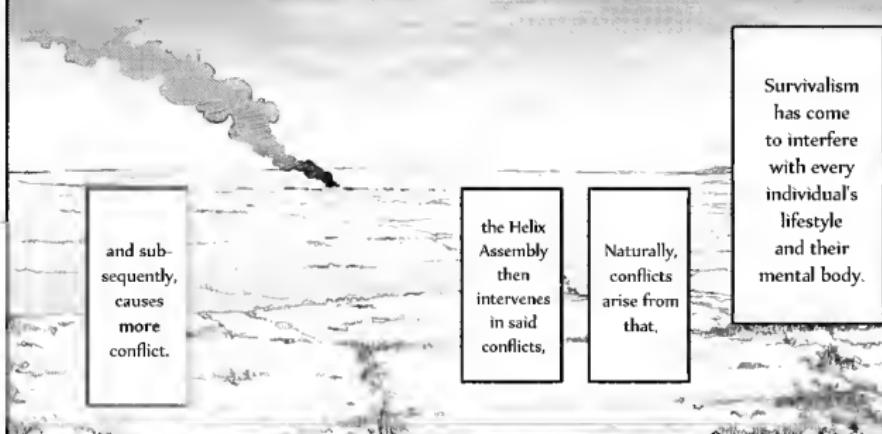
WHO stands for the World Health Organization, if you didn't know that already.



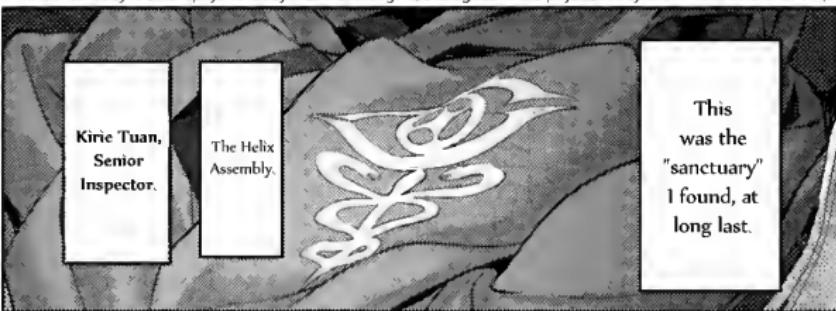
and are now backed by military power, even intervening with conflicts happening around the world.

Originally no more than a single department of the United Nations, they selfishly expanded their rule,

The vanguard of survivalism.



The mental body is a non-physical body made of thoughts, analogous to the physical body which is made of matter (See Wikipedia)



<recollection>



</recollection>



<regret>

I'm sorry, Miach.

</regret>





Well I suppose I'll take this one then.



Those who went through more trouble than usual will be taken into consideration!

It's my turn to get paid well!

It's my turn! My turn!!

Aww yeah!

I'll leave the rest to you guys to dispose of, however you wish.



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I've been waiting.







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Japanese novel *Harmony* is a believable, satiric tale of a false Utopia ruled by "benevolent" health organizations devoted to disease-free life. Until a rash of suicides reveal a conspiracy to exploit this supposedly-perfect system.

Published in Japan in 2009, *Harmony* was released for the first time in English this year from Haikasoru. It's the last work by the celebrated scifi author known only as Project Itoh, who wrote it while dying of cancer. That biographical detail suffuses this novel with a weird darkness, since the entire story focuses about the suffocating kindness of an international medical system devoted to maintaining the perfect health of every citizen. After suffering through a nuclear disaster called the Maelstrom, the world has found peace by replacing state governments with a set of international health organizations that keep everyone completely disease-free and healthy by implanting them with personal nanobot swarms called WatchMe.

We learn about this near-future Earth in a first-person account written partly in an HTML-like "emotional markup language" by Tuan Nihie, a rebellious member of the World Health Organization's special forces unit. Growing up in Japan, Tuan comes to think of WatchMe as just one piece of a system that demands complete conformity. To prevent another Maelstrom, people in positions of power have interpreted "health" broadly, using it to justify everything from censorship and drug therapies, to blandness in diet, so that people won't become agitated

The problem is that WatchMe can be hacked, and its healing properties turned inside out. Called in to investigate a rash of suicides, Tuan begins to suspect that a childhood friend she believed dead is behind a conspiracy to hack WatchMe in ways nobody knew were possible. As she gets closer to figuring out why thousands of people committed suicide at once, we learn about all the ways she and her friends have tried to subvert the medical-industrial complex – and why "perfect health" can be a horrific fate.

Action-packed, darkly funny, and philosophical by turns, *Harmony* is a suspense yarn that's ultimately about the nature of consciousness itself. It's also a just-plain-awesome medico-science thought experiment about what the world would be like if life-extension technology became a reality. Laced with dozens of cultural references – everything from *Max Headroom* to Nine Inch Nails – *Harmony* will feed your brain and undermine your faith in Utopia. If you want to know what the transhuman future will really be like, or just want to read a ripping good nanotech thriller, put *Harmony* on your reading list.